## HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

## Race Equity Advisory Council Meeting

## Notes

Date: September 16, 2021 Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Location: MS Teams

**Council members present:** Biiftuu Ibrahim Adam, Debjyoti Dwivedy (DD), Deran Cadotte, Johnathon McClellan, Larry Hiscock, Mahogany Ellis Crutchfield, Miamon Queeglay, Sheila Webb.

Council members not present: Amani Berry, Mukul Nautiyal. Tekia Jefferson

County Staff: Chela Guzman-Wiegert, Mercy Das, Pat Zagaros, Randy Larson, Robert Gruba

Meeting was broadcast on MS Teams live for public viewing.

- September meeting agenda approved.
   Larry Hiscock moved to approve, Deran Cadotte seconded. 7 Ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.
- 2) August meeting notes approved.

  Deran Cadotte moved to approve, Mahogany Ellis-Crutchfield seconded. 7 Ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain
- 3) Annual Report
  - Report approved for submission by Chair after edits. Johnathon McClellan moved to approve,
     Mahogany Ellis-Crutchfield seconded. 7 Ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain
  - o Discussion about where report will live.
    - o Members would like work available to the public
    - Current county practice is to send reports to the board and board decides what happens with the report.
  - Report is being presented to the board on November 9<sup>th</sup> which is before the board makes budget decisions. So timing is good.
  - Chela Guzman-Wiegert offered county assistance to expand the executive summary and develop the powerpoint and presentation to the board on November 9<sup>th</sup> since time is limited to 15 minutes.
  - PPT will be developed by leadership of Council and Committee chairs. Others can volunteer as needed.
- 4) Council plan for next year.
  - Vision and impact were discussed using Jamboard. Jamboard results will be posted on Basecamp.
  - Committees for next year
    - o Child Wellbeing—Chair: Mahogany Ellis-Crutchfield
    - o Community Engagement: Chair: Tekia Jefferson
    - o Health—Chair: Miamon Queeglay



Housing—Chair: Larry HiscockJustice—Chair: Johnathon McClellan

- 5) Monthly meeting structure
  - Have time to process information received
  - Determine if information can be dessimated by other means or if speakers need to be at the meeting; limit number of guests in these meetings
  - Want commissioners to be aware of REAC's work; when commissioners attend, have clear reason and good questions so time is well spent
  - Allow time to discuss committee work and get council feedback; free association discussions can capture the richness of talent in this council
  - Determine what the council's priorities are; will have clarity after report presentation to the board
  - o Continue to post agenda items on basecamp.
- 6) Alexis Murillo is no longer able to participate in the REAC. Chair will send a letter on behalf of the council to wish her well. Motion to send letter made by Larry Hiscock, seconded by Johnathon McClellan. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.
- 7) Meeting adjourned on motion by Deran Cadotte and seconded by Larry Hiscock. 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstain.